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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In January 2010 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board placed the license of occupational therapy assistant **Lisa L. Bertash** (OC00000755) on probation for three years. She entered into a sexual relationship with a patient. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Clark County

In January 2010 the Massage Practitioner Program charged **Rob D. LeDoux** (MA00024614) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault — domestic violence, harassment — domestic violence, and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence. He allegedly failed to disclose the convictions to the Department of Health.

Clallam County

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Sharley R. Shore** (NA00031810) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of welfare fraud, and two counts of false verification of welfare form.

Grant County

In January 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Irene K. Kimura** (MD00032544) on probation for three years. She allegedly mismanaged a patient when diagnosing her with asthmatic bronchitis and didn't fully consider and evaluate the patient's pre-existing heart condition, symptoms, or vital statistics resulting in the patient's death. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

King County

In January 2010 the Examining Board of Psychology modified the agreed order of **Nathan C. Brown** (PY00001841). He may not practice until he satisfies certain conditions; then his license will be on probation for two years with terms and conditions.

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission granted the application of registered nurse **Richard A. Heath** (RN60108730) and placed his license on probation. His license to practice as a registered nurse in Arizona was revoked and recently reinstated with a letter of concern. He also surrendered his license to practice as a registered nurse in California, and must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Pamela A. Jorgenson** (NA60123612). Her license to practice as a registered nurse in Washington was suspended indefinitely in 2007.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Etheal M. Munde** (NC60096595). She was convicted of violation of no contact order — domestic violence, and failed to disclose the conviction on her application.

In January 2010 the X-Ray Technician Program granted the application of **Michael John Prado** (XT00006731) and placed his credential on probation for one year. In 2008 his applications to be an x-ray technician and health care assistant were denied. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential.

In January 2010 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Geoffrey T. Rodey** (MD00027928). Dr. Rodey's license is unrestricted.

In January 2010 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Karen Shaw**. She allegedly provided laser energy to a patient's face and hands, and forged a prescription for lipocream by using a physician prescription pad and signing the physician's name. Ms. Shaw doesn't hold a health care license in Washington.

Kittitas County

In December 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee applicant **Leslie Jean Newton** (CO60121012). She was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm, and delivery of methamphetamine.

Kitsap County

In January 2010 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program placed the license of **Michelle Naden** (LF00001540) on probation for two years. She failed to complete a legally required disclosure statement with a client, spoke to the client's family and lawyer about treatment without a waiver of confidentiality, accepted gifts from a client, and confused the client by crossing professional-personal relationship boundaries. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Lewis County

In January 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Daniel K. Lowe** (MD00042755) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly practiced below the standard of care when treating a patient for chronic diverticulitis resulting in patient harm. This allegedly led to further abdominal surgery and hospitalization.

Pierce County

In January 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Julie A. Hamilton** (RC00050905) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Randall G. McZegle** (LP00048161) and placed the license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Skagit County

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Breeanne C. Remme** (NC60082408, NA60064668) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly possessed a patient's cell phone without the patient's permission, and failed to respond to department inquiries about the allegation.

Spokane County

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Carlene V. Shopbell** (RN00137007) on probation for 18 months. She failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license. She must comply with new terms and conditions set against her license.

Thurston County

In January 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program released chemical dependency professional **Steven Bruce Wolff** (CP60066886, RC00055571) from terms and conditions set against his license. The Registered Counselor Program also terminated the order of probation against his counselor credential.

Walla Walla County

In January 2010 the Social Worker Program terminated the order of probation against **Laurie L. Heikkenen** (LW00008520).

Whatcom County

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against licensed practical nurse **Karen S. Matheis** (LP00026509).

In January 2010 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Roger E. Sharf** (MD00029218). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Out of State

Arizona: In January 2010 the Medical Commission released physician **Jeffrey I. Livovich** (MD00027138) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Livovich's license is unrestricted.

California: In January 2010 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician assistant **Hector G. Camacho-Perez-Arce** (PA10004193). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Minnesota: In January 2010 the Medical Commission granted permission to physician **Valerie L. Fox** (MD00045743) to practice in Washington and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Utah: In January 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Shubulola T. Johnson** (LP00050112).

West Virginia: In January 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Michael E. Miller** (LP00034367) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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